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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows.

In the Specification:

Page 1, line 1, after "application" insert --is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/276,314, filed March 25, 1999, entitled PISTON ENGINE ASSEMBLY, which--.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-44, without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims.

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--45. A piston assembly, comprising:
 a double ended member having first and second elements configured for linear motion along a common axis, at least one of the first and second elements being a piston,
 a transition arm coupled to a stationary support, the transition arm including a drive arm coupled to the double ended member by a joint positioned between the first and second elements, the joint including
 an outer member configured for movement relative to the first and second elements, the outer member defining a opening for receiving the drive arm, and

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